

I read the history for the rule against auxiliary operation on VHF and find it inconsistent with most other rules governing amateur radio. It appears as though the reason for limiting these operations was for fear of overcrowding. However, from my experience, overcrowding is only a problem in larger cities, while two meter frequencies are under used in most of the rest of the U.S. This is particularly true for simplex frequencies, where Sky Command would be used.

For other types of operation where there may be a problem such as this, the FCC has allowed the amateur community to work it out themselves, without undue regulations such as this. A good example of this is the repeater coordination system.

I would like to use Sky Command and have invested thousands of dollars in equipment for it, but now I can't because of the recent rule interpretation. I would use it in a rural area where there is almost no simplex operation except on a very few of the most popular channels.

I am confident that the amateur community can coordinate Aux. operation with the same general success that repeater and other modes of operation have been coordinated.

I urge you to relax the rules so that Sky Command may be used in the U.S. If necessary, make it subject to coordination.

Thank You,

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